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M. Guizot on the Bible.

The following excellent remarks of the distinguished Christian, statesman, and philosopher, M. Guizot, on modern assaults on the Bible, and on Bible societies, are extracted from the foreign correspondence of "The Presbyterian," of May 14th. We commend them to the serious consideration of our readers:—[Eds.

LONDON, April 21, 1864.

An answer to Renan's "Life of Jesus," it is said, will be speedily published by M. Guizot. Meanwhile, that eminent statesman and Protestant has delivered an important speech as the chairman of the annual meeting of the Bible society of Paris. He reminded his hearers of the many past assaults on the Bible, and on Bible societies. The authenticity of the Scriptures, the dates, the authors, were all called in question; and what was far more grave, their divine inspiration was doubted or denied. But had these attacks produced any effect on modern Bible societies? No. They had but stimulated them to greater energy and zeal. They had only to look at what is passing in Germany, England, France, Switzerland, the United States of America, and Prussia. In all these countries Bible societies were rapidly gaining ground. "The more the Bible has been denounced, the more has the circle of its defenders been enlarged; it is fortified by these trials, and every struggle gains it a fresh conquest." M. Guizot proceeded to show that this fact is not confined to modern times. For nineteen centuries the Bible has been assailed unharmed. At the Reformation, what was the book used as the most powerful weapon? The Bible. "It was in the name of the Bible, and to restore it to its complete empire over the soul, that the Reformation was brought about; and the spirit of biblical faith had a wider field than the spirit of liberty."

The speaker next referred to the fierce onset of infidelity at the close of the last century, when so bitter was the scorn heaped upon the Bible, that it seemed forever to have lost its influence. "What

happened? Why, Bible societies were founded; Bible missions spread over the earth; treasures of money and devotedness were lavished in the good cause; and the Bible reappeared, more powerful than ever." Even the divisions of opinion in France, as to whether the Apocryphal books should be circulated along with the Bible, had led to new societies, and a wider circulation of the book.

The Christian philosopher and orator concluded as follows: "A merely human book could never have resisted such attacks, or come so victorious out of every struggle. The ideas of Socrates or Confucius would have succumbed long since in a warfare continued for so many ages; and, instead of spreading among all nations the productions of the greatest minds, would long since have been lost in the collections of the antiquary. The laws which govern the *material* world were long debated, and it was long before the earth's movement round the sun was admitted. The *moral* world has also its laws, more difficult to unravel, and which are not capable of being calculated, or reduced to figures. The sacred books are the evidence of these moral laws, revealed by the supernatural action of God, that they might be the light and salvation of mankind. *The Bible has survived, and will ever triumphantly survive human criticism; and Bible societies are but the instruments and servants of the Divine action, which it is not in the power of man to baffle or disturb.*"

Syria.

A LETTER FROM REV. I. G. BLISS.

GOORFA (UR OF THE CHALDEES),
April 25th, 1864.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—I am most happy to send you my greetings from this ancient city. As the reputed birthplace of Abraham—the place where "the God of Glory appeared" unto the patriarch "before he dwelt in Canaan," entering into covenant with him, and pledging that "in him all the nations of the earth should be blessed"—this city is one of great interest to the Church. The present popula-

tion is estimated at 40,000. Of this number, 10,000 are Armenians, 2,000 Syrians, a few Jews, and the rest are Moslems. There are a few objects of interest in and about the city, which I would like to mention, but must pass them by, and tell you what the "God of Glory" is now doing by his Word and Spirit in this land of the Abrahamic covenant. I had heard much of the deeply interesting work of evangelism in this part of the empire. But to hear of the work is one thing, to see it in all its various departments is quite another. Twelve or fourteen years ago, probably not a man was to be found in this city who had any correct knowledge of the way of salvation as revealed in the Scriptures. In 1857, when the first missionary took up his residence here, the congregation did not rise above twenty, and only a few of these were at all regular in their attendance upon divine worship. The increase from that time to the present has been about sixty a year; and yesterday I had the privilege of addressing in the new chapel an audience of at least 350 persons, in regard to the Bible and its mission in this land. It is estimated that more than 500 copies of the Word of God have been sold in this field during the last ten years. Fifty-three have been sold during the last three months. Gratuitous distribution has been almost wholly unknown in this city and its surroundings. In conversation with three of the principal men among the Protestants, two days ago, I was assured that the leaven of divine truth is spreading very rapidly in this city, the headspring of the blessings of the Abrahamic covenant. During the past winter, a work of grace, deep and peculiarly encouraging, has been in progress, and the brethren alluded to above believe that there is every reason to expect a speedy advance in the work, involving a large exodus from the old Armenian Church. I am very much pleased with the appearance of the people. They seem intelligent and enterprising; far more ready than the majority of the Protestants I have seen in this land to bear heavy burdens that the Word of God may have free course. The expense of free schools and of the whole evangelical work in this city, aside from the salary of the missionary, is cheerfully borne by the people. The same general features attach to the work in Adiamon and other outstations under the care of the missionary resident in this city.

At Marash (from which city I wrote you briefly April 13th) the work of evangelism for nine years has had almost uninterrupted progress. My heart was greatly cheered by the announcement that within the past four months, 100 copies of the large reference Bible in Armeno-Turkish have been disposed of, many of which have gone into the hands of the very poor. Widows and orphans are now rejoicing in the possession of the only treasure which gives solid comfort to the poor and sorrowing. In visiting the schools in that city, I noticed with peculiar interest that quite a number of the pupils had in their hands the Armenian New Testament, 12mo, printed in New York, received as a prize for committing to memory portions of Scripture. We were at Marash on Wednesday, and desiring to see and speak to the people, notice of a meeting to be held at 6 P. M. was sent out two hours after noon. At the time appointed, more than 400 (about one half the usual Sabbath congregation) were found in the church, and we had a very pleasant meeting. The number of Protestants there, old and young, is esti-

mated at more than 1,200, most of whom are *very poor*; yet the contributions the past year, in addition to more than \$1,500 paid to government in oppressive taxes, were nearly \$500. In Aintab, on the 17th of April, I was permitted to visit the great Sabbath school held an hour and a half after sunrise; 1,268 were present, including the members of the infant classes; they were arranged in classes, sixty in all, if I mistake not. It was a sight never to be forgotten, and one that filled my heart with joy, my tongue with praise, and my eyes with tears. Twelve hundred and sixty-eight students of God's Word under one roof, in the heart of bigoted, fanatical Turkey, and that in a city where, less than twenty years ago, not one individual, probably, could be found interested in the great salvation! "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." As I passed around among the classes, I was deeply impressed with the interest old and young manifested in their lessons. The worn Bibles and Testaments, too, told of diligent use and hard study. More than 100 persons have received the Bible as a prize for committing to memory, and repeating to their teachers, the Gospel of John and the three Epistles of John. In answer to my inquiries, I was told that probably more than 2,000 copies of the Scriptures had been sold in Aintab from the first, and at least 1,200 are in daily use at the present time, in that city. At the preaching service at noon of the same day, the audience was estimated as numbering over 1,300, solemn and attentive as I have ever witnessed in any part of our native land. In the afternoon it was my privilege to speak of the Bible work to about 150 who could understand Armenian. All manifested a deep interest in the statements made. The next morning, just before mounting my horse to prosecute my journey to this place, the pastor of the church came and said, that after the public services of the Sabbath were over, he gathered his little family around their altar, and prayed that God would bless the Bible societies that had brought light and salvation to their domestic circle. After the prayer, all in that circle, from the oldest to the youngest, expressed a desire to share in the good work of giving the same precious Book to those who in other lands had it not. In their poverty, the members of that little family, through the father, put into my hands for the Society 118 piasters, or \$5 20 in gold, which the Treasurer will please note and charge in my account. My heart was made very glad by this and other indications of the hearty interest of this people in the Bible work.

In Kessoh, Antioch, Killis, and all parts of this field which I have been privileged to visit, there are unmistakeable proofs that God is working mightily by his Word and Spirit, and will soon bring out of the darkness and the valley of death multitudes more to be his enlightened and redeemed ones. In this part of Turkey there are some 6,000 registered Protestants, about 1,000 of whom are church members. The larger part of these are, in a greater or less degree, labouring to scatter the light of divine truth into the darkness that surrounds them. "Great is the company that publisheth the Word." The results, in this section of the empire alone, should be regarded as a sufficient return for all that has been expended by the Society in furnishing the people of this land with the Scriptures.

Yours truly,

ISAAC G. BLISS.

Ceylon.

Extracts from the Journal of Mr. A. BACKUS, Colporteur, from July to December.

(Concluded.)

Sept. 28th.—Visited eighteen houses, and saw about seventy people. Spoke to some women who were taking sap from the Palmyra trees. As I was speaking to them, a fruit fell from a tree down by my feet. The people exclaimed, "God cared for you, and prevented the fruit from falling on your head." One of the women, who had studied in a mission school, said, "The Bible is true, but no one walks according to it." A man said, "Yes, if the missionaries go back to their country this year, almost all the Christians will become Sivites." Another one said, "No, if the religion comes from God, it will never cease—it will stand." Another said, "We do not print and publish our books, but we all walk according to them; but you Christians publish your books, and try to force us to receive them." I explained the last command of Christ, and said, "There is no other name given but that of Jesus whereby men may be saved."

During the month, 349 houses were visited, and 1,421 people conversed with. Nearly 1,000 people were addressed in meetings.

October 1st.—In one place found a company gathering olive nuts, to whom we spoke of religious matters, when one said, "Come, let us leave all and follow Christ." In another place found a low-caste man, who studied in a mission school formerly. He could read well. He bought a portion, and promised to read it to all about him.

6th.—Visited the houses of several low-caste people, and met sixty-five persons. A sick woman remarked, "Christ must relieve bodily pain and disease, as well as mental." Women heard attentively. A man seeing it said, "Please give good advice to those women, for they are quarrelsome and very talkative." I said, "All are sinners, and all must repent." Some said, "Alas for us, that we have not learned to read these books!"

7th.—Houses visited, seventeen; seventy persons addressed. At the house of a Christian several persons were assembled, to whom I spoke on the verse, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" One said, "What innumerable blessings we have received through the missionaries! I cannot enumerate them." After saying much in favour of the Christian religion, he admitted that he had been spoiled by not walking according to the advice of Mr. Poor, his former teacher. He was a classmate of mine, and I could but weep at his deplorable state. While speaking in the meeting, some remarked, "Two or three families among us have received many favours, and are noted as rich persons, through the favour of the missionaries." Others said, with envious feeling, "The high have become low, and the low high, and this is one result of the missionaries coming." A brahmin said, "Why do you go about with your books and tracts, and trouble the people? is it not sufficient to learn our own religious books?" I replied, "How long will you prevent the truth? how long will you sow the seeds of unrighteousness? how long will you keep the people in darkness? O brahmins! teach the people the truth." Four young brahmins present, being enraged, spoke very harshly. I said, "Idolatry and superstition will soon be rooted out. The time is near when all will worship the everlasting God."

12th.—Houses visited, thirteen; people addressed, sixty-eight. Held a meeting in the house of a fisherman. There were present eight males, fifteen females, and five children. It was a good meeting. I spoke of love to God and man. One woman said, "There is only one God, but we worship many gods. What you say is true—we should worship one God with the spirit."

14th.—Twenty-three houses visited, 108 people addressed. Had a meeting in one house. The people said, "We are all full of sin, and cannot walk according to your religion." Some asked, "Who has seen heaven or hell? Let us go on as usual." I said to them, "Don't shut your eyes and fall into the pit."

In October, 327 houses were visited, and 1,139 people addressed. Several meetings were held, sixteen portions sold, and twenty-two given gratuitously.

November 5th.—Eighteen houses visited, and forty-seven persons met. Went to a heathen school and gave them portions of Scripture to read. Questioned them on the catechism; some, having formerly studied in a mission school, were able to answer. Read a few verses about honouring father and mother.

11th.—When getting out to go among the people, my nephew, who was near to death, required me not to leave him, but to stay and administer to his comfort while he should live. When I had given him some nourishment, he stretched himself out and gazed earnestly at me. When I asked, "What is the matter?" he said, "Oh my God! receive me!" and immediately expired. Some heathen who were present were surprised that he died so peacefully, and said, "Oh, what a death is the Christian's death!" The pastor and church members came, and his body was taken and buried by the side of his father, who also died a Christian.

During the month I was interrupted in my labours by the rains, and the sickness and death of my nephew. The number of houses visited was 173, and people met, 483; twenty portions were sold, and fourteen given gratuitously.

December 9th.—Visited a large school kept by a brahmin; read a chapter in the Bible and explained it. The brahmin confessed that the Hindus failed to walk as they ought to, and all their works were vain. "Nobody knows," said he, "about our sacred books; no one has fathomed them. All are plunged into the ocean of sensuality; no one has any good feelings; no one seeks after God; all are astray and all fallen. All religions are vain and lies. There is no one in the world who knows God and worships Him. I have read your Bible. May I say that that is true? I have known many Christians who have said that they have found the true salvation; but they are false, and there is no truth in them. You also, in order to get your living, wish to make out a report of your labours. Well now, read, talk, and pray—I will make no objection." In this way he talked a long time, as a man who knew all things. His pupils also began to dispute; at last they became quiet and requested me to read. The pupils asked each for a copy of the Bible for their own use if the catechist wishes them to read the Bible. The teacher seems to have read some higher books of the Tamil religion. Many have been educated in his school. He had there about forty boys.

10th.—Visited fourteen houses; met forty persons. In two or three places a number of persons were

assembled. I read to them some chapters in the Bible, and all heard calmly. One man began to oppose; others, however, rebuked him.

18th.—A man said, "We use the name of 'Candaswamy,' you use the name of 'Christ.' We worship Sivan, and you worship God. What is the difference? You say we must not worship idols, but meditate upon God. But we only worship the image as a sign. Those who worship through the image are the same as those who worship by meditation." When I spoke of the crimes and defects of the Hindu triad, and said that those who worship idols do not worship God, he said, "Well, do not blaspheme; we all worship the one God."

In this month I visited 220 houses, and met 644 persons; sold four portions and gave fourteen; attended several meetings.

In six months Mr. Backus visited over 1,800 houses and conversed with more than 6,000 people, besides addressing many in meetings. He distributed by sale seventy-eight portions, gratuitously 117; total, 195. A small proportion of the females are able to read, and many of the men also cannot read; hence, a Bible colporteur must be to a great extent a Bible reader in this country.

E. R. HASTINGS.

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American Bible Society.

The stated meeting of the Managers was held at the Bible House, Astor Place, on Thursday, the 7th inst., at half past three, P.M., James Lenox, Esq., President, in the chair, assisted by Wm. B. Crosby, Benj. L. Swan, and Francis Hall, Esqs., Vice Presidents.

The decease of Hon. Joseph C. Hornblower, one of the oldest Vice Presidents of the Society, was announced, whereupon

The Rev. Dr. De Witt read the 90th Psalm and offered prayer.

Four new auxiliaries were recognised, of which three are in Western Virginia and one in Nebraska.

Letters were received from Rev. R. Holden, Bahia, stating, that before receiving information of his appointment to an agency for Brazil and South America by this Board, he had accepted an agency for Brazil under the British and Foreign Bible Society; from Rev. Dr. Revel, Florence, in regard to the progress of the plates of Diodati's Bible in that city, with fiscal account; from Rev. I. G. Bliss, Constantinople, in regard to Bible work in North Persia, and asking a grant to aid the distribution of the Scriptures at Tabris, which was granted; also in regard to distribution of the Scriptures at Oorfa (Ur of the Chaldees), in Syria; from Rev. W. Clark, Milan, stating his intention to proceed on his Bible tour to the Tyrol and elsewhere, and in regard to employing colporteurs and Bible readers; from Rt. Rev. Bishop Payne, Cape Palmas, saying that the manu-

scripts of certain books in the Grebo language are withheld at present from the press, waiting for improvements in orthography now under consideration, and asking for copies of the Arabic Scriptures for the Mandingoes and the Vye people; from Rev. Messrs. Morse and Leonard, Constantinople, sending annual letter from the Mission in Western Turkey, which is very gratifying; from Rev. G. Nutting, Oorfa, in behalf of the Mission in Central Turkey, with gratifying statements as to the progress of divine truth in that region; from Rev. Dr. Perkins, Ooromiah, as to translating and printing the Scriptures in Ancient and Modern Syriac.

Very gratifying intelligence was received from the Agent in Western Virginia as to the revival of the Bible work there.

Grants of books were made, amounting to 74,220 volumes. They were for refugees and soldiers, prisoners of war, freedmen, hospitals, poor and destitute Sunday schools where there are no auxiliaries, including 500 Testaments to the Methodist Book Concern at Pittsburgh, a large grant for Mexico, with grants in Spanish for Algeria, Honolulu, S. I., in various languages, and Arabic Testaments for Africa, and 52,000 for the U. S. Christian Commission.

The meeting was large for the season, and full of interest. An earnest discussion took place in regard to printing the Arabic Scriptures, but the subject was deferred for future consideration.

The receipts for June were \$53,096 25; the issues, 171,723 volumes.

Summary of the Monthly Labours of the Agents of the American Bible Society.

During the month of May, reports were received from twenty-six Agents of the Society, the results of whose labours are as follows: Auxiliaries visited, 102; Bible meetings attended, 263; Bible sermons and addresses delivered, 270; amount of funds collected for the Bible cause, \$9,868 08; amount remitted to the Parent Treasury, \$9,481 28; amount paid by Agents to auxiliaries, \$507 35; subscriptions obtained during the month, \$1,124 72; and in addition to this, 381 destitute families and nine destitute Sabbath schools were supplied with the Word of Life.

In the accomplishment of this work, these honoured servants of the Society were obliged to write many hundreds of letters, to travel many thousands of miles, to submit to many very trying inconveniences, and to perform a great amount of mental labour.

Reports of Agents.

REV. MR. BEEBE, of CONNECTICUT, in his report, mentions the following interesting facts: "The anniversary of the Sharon Bible Society, on the second Sabbath evening in May, was one of unusual interest. Sharon was the residence of the Hon. John Cotton Smith, one of the Presidents of the American Bible Society. His son, Deacon William M. Smith, has been the president of the Sharon Bible Society for seventeen years, until his de-

cease, which occurred during the past year. The minutes of the last anniversary of that society show how fragrant his memory is in the community where he lived. Dr. Robert W. Smith, now chosen president of the society, is the worthy son of Deacon Wm. M. Smith, and the grandson of the Hon. John Cotton Smith.

REV. MR. DE PUY, of WESTERN NEW YORK, reports having visited, during the month, four auxiliaries and ten churches; delivered twelve Bible sermons and addresses; travelled in behalf of his agency 783 miles, 253 of which were by stage and private conveyance; and that he collected and forwarded to the Parent Treasury \$245 66. "Rev. Joseph Pearsall, of Dansville, N. Y.," he states, "has completed the canvass and supply of the towns of Hartsville and Greenwood, in Steuben County;" and he adds: "I am cordially received as the Society's representative by all the churches in my field."

REV. MR. RICHARDSON, of CENTRAL NEW YORK, reports having visited, during the month, the Bible societies of Geneva, Cayuga County, Oswego County, North Seneca, and Chemung County; and states that these auxiliaries are in a very prosperous condition. In the course of the month he travelled 854 miles, delivered eleven Bible sermons and addresses, and collected for the Bible cause \$412 48.

REV. DR. SHELDON, of NEW JERSEY, gives us a very interesting account of the anniversaries of our auxiliaries in the counties of Sussex, Cumberland, Mercer, and Morris, and remarks that the popular interest in our work in these counties is manifestly increasing. He speaks also, in very pleasing terms, of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in Newark, N. J., and of the interest evinced by that body in the prosperity of the American Bible Society.

REV. DR. HARTSHORN, of NORTHEASTERN OHIO and WESTERN VIRGINIA, says: "The prosperity of our work, both present and prospective, seems to go beyond all that has gone before. My actual cash receipts for the month amounted to more than \$1,800; but what seems more encouraging than all the rest, is the fact that Western Virginia should exhibit such an outburst of enthusiasm in the Bible cause. The results there, so far, exceed our most sanguine expectations. We have organized several new auxiliaries already, and we shall probably organize one new society every week for some time to come; while we expect, at the same time, to get the work of canvass and supply in full operation. In that portion of my field I had the Bible cause presented in sixteen different congregations during the last month; raised \$1,800 in cash for this object; secured the visitation of more than 2,000 families, about 200 of which were found destitute of the Scriptures and supplied. In the single city of Wheeling, W. Va., 1,200 families have already been visited, and ninety-five of them found destitute of the Word of God."

REV. MR. SMITH, of NORTHWESTERN OHIO, states that he has visited three auxiliaries, seven branch societies, and six churches, and attended four Bible anniversaries. He has travelled 632 miles in behalf of our Cause; remitted to the Parent Treasury \$927 68; while he reports that 1,309 families were visited in his field, seventy-three of them being found destitute, and fifty-two of them having been supplied with the Word of God. One Sabbath school and thirteen destitute individuals were also supplied with this infinite treasure. "The friends of the Cause," says Mr. S., "are obviously multiplying in the district under my care."

REV. MR. HERR, of SOUTHWESTERN OHIO, says: "The Sunday School Bible Society branches in my field are doing admirably. These are as worthy of being fostered as any agencies for raising means to circulate the Bible."

The auxiliaries which he has visited during the past month he represents as in a thriving and growing condition.

REV. MR. TERRELL, of SOUTHERN INDIANA, paid into the Parent Treasury, last month, \$500.

REV. MR. WELBURN, of WESTERN KENTUCKY, gives the following sad account of the condition of his field as it relates to the Bible work: "During the month of May I visited several points in the extreme western part of my territory. The military would not permit boats to land at Hickman; and roving bands of Confederate troops forbade the effort to visit any place not immediately on the Ohio or Mississippi rivers. At Columbus, in Hickman County, I found every church without a pastor; and several gentlemen, both in civil and military life, advised me not to call a public Bible meeting. I could therefore only request the old officers to continue to act, and, in carrying on their work, to call on me for such books as they might need. At Paducah I found eighty buildings in ruins, and half the town scarred and riddled by shot and shell. At that place I met Dr. Slater, who was once an Agent of the American Bible Society for Middle and Western Tennessee, and it was his opinion that nothing can be done in this region for our Cause at present, except in a few prominent places. At Big Spring we were surrounded with soldiers, who were in quest of roving companies of Confederates; so that I am obliged to prosecute my work in the midst of many perils, and with very little promise of immediate success." Our Cause, however, we know, has many devoted friends in that interesting field, who only want the opportunity to do as much as they formerly did in its behalf.

REV. MR. WRIGHT, of MISSOURI, speaks of the interest taken in our work by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which met in Dayton, Ohio, and of which he was a member, and says: "I feel quite sure that the American Bible Society has no friends more true than the members of that body." "As usual," he adds, "when I am at home, I devoted my leisure hours to the work of visiting the hospitals and the various prisons in the vicinity of St. Louis. In my last visit I carried with me a hundred Testaments, and they were received by the men eagerly and very thankfully, even the officers asking for copies."

REV. MR. JONES, of IOWA, sends us a very full and gratifying report of his labours for the month, and gives us some interesting incidents connected with our work in his field. During the month he visited eleven auxiliaries, attending the anniversaries of seven of them; presented the Bible cause in ten different congregations, delivering fourteen Bible sermons and addresses, forwarding \$772 50 to the Parent Treasury, and paying \$283 59 into the hands of the auxiliaries. God is evidently prospering our work in that interesting field.

REV. MR. ADAMS, of MINNESOTA, writes: "Beside the usual work of my agency, I visited Fort Snelling, and supplied the new recruits of the Sixth regiment, on the eve of their departure from our State to the front of the army South. I also supplied to some extent the Wisconsin Thirtieth, on its arrival here, *en route* to join the expedition against the hostile Indians on the plains at the Northwest. Without an exception, your representative was received with respect and a cordial welcome by both the soldiers and their officers; and the Scriptures were thankfully received, in some instances being read aloud to squads of men grouped together around those who were reading. Such scenes, to my mind, are very interesting, inasmuch as they contain the pledge of infinite benefit to our armies, among which we are in this way scattering the Word of God."

"The annual meeting of the Minnesota Bible Society," adds Mr. A., "on the 21st of June, was the best ever held since the organization of the society. The reports of the secretary, treasurer, and State Agent, were more full, complete, and interesting than usual. The addresses of Governor Stephen Miller, and of the Rev. T. A. Noble, of St. Paul, were appropriate, animated, and effective, in behalf of the Bible and the great work of the American Bible Society in circulating the Bible throughout our country and the world. Especially was it gratifying, in these times, to hear the governor of our State speak in such unmeasured terms of the adaptation, power, and blessedness of the Bible to man in every possible condition and circumstance of life, and of the importance of the Bible as a means of elevating and perpetuating our government and country. Mr. Noble's theme was, 'The Bible in our Homes.' Good, and I hope lasting, impressions were made by the exercises of the occasion."

REV. MR. BUEL, of CALIFORNIA, reports that the work of canvassing and supplying Napa County by Rev. Mr. Woods has been completed, and that the same work has been commenced under very favorable auspices by Rev. Mr. Peck in the county of Arizona. In various portions of this State the noble work is steadily advancing, with very pleasing results. Mr. Buel is doing what he can to supply the stations on the overland route, as well as the military stations in his field, with the Scriptures.

REV. MR. DENNIS, of KANSAS, speaks of the recent meeting of the General Association of the Congregational Church in that State, and says: "They received me with much respect, and treated me with great kindness. They honoured me with a place among them as corresponding member, and made many inquiries in relation to my success in the Heaven-approved Bible cause."

REV. MR. FORT, of NEBRASKA and DAKOTA TERRITORIES, reports pleasing progress in his work. During the month of May he visited five auxiliaries, delivered twenty-seven Bible sermons and addresses, collected in cash \$50 90, and secured upon subscription \$92 75. In the midst of many serious difficulties peculiar to so new a country, Mr. F. is able to communicate to us the fact that the friends of the Bible there are continually multiplying, and becoming enlisted in the promotion of our good work.

Reports of Auxiliaries.

CONNECTICUT. MILFORD BIBLE SOCIETY held its annual meeting on the evening of the third Sabbath in June. The secretary writes us: "Rev. Dr. Bruce has been president of the society for some fifteen years; and having left his charge in Milford and resigned the presidency, a vote of thanks was given him by the society for his long and faithful services in that capacity."

NEW YORK. WAYNE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY, at its last anniversary in Lyons, adopted measures for the immediate exploration and supply of its field. The society also passed resolutions commending the American Bible Society for its course in scattering the Word of Life among all classes and conditions of men, both in our own country and abroad. The secretary writes us: "The friends of this Institution in Wayne County put forth increased efforts last year in behalf of the good Bible cause, and during the coming year they hope to make a still further advance."

ORANGE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY held its fifty-third anniversary at Goodwill, on the 14th of June. The report, which has been sent us, says: "The society, from a small beginning, has become an institution of very considerable power. Over \$2,200 have been raised dur-

ing the past year, which is an advance of over \$400 on the year previous; and we have reason to believe that the society is growing year by year, with a steady, healthy growth, into the confidence and affection of all the people of this county."

"The resolutions which were presented," writes the secretary, "were spoken to, in an earnest, faithful, and eloquent manner, by the Rev. Messrs. Crane, M'Nulty, Wallace, and Dr. Taylor, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the American Bible Society."

OTSEGO COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY celebrated its fifty-first anniversary at Springfield on the 21st of June. "The exercises were interesting," writes the recording secretary; "an excellent spirit prevailed, and measures were adopted tending to increase the efficiency of the society." An excellent band of executive officers and managers was chosen to supervise the society's interests for the year ensuing.

NEW JERSEY. SUSSEX COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY held a very interesting anniversary at Newton on the 8th of June. "A most able and eloquent sermon," says the report, "was preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Moffat, professor in the theological seminary at Princeton," and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Messrs. Mott, Van Cleve, Thomas, and Dr. Sheldon, the Parent Society's Agent for New Jersey and Delaware. The receipts of the society for the past year amounted to \$1,095 40, and the society made a donation of \$500 to the Parent Institution. There are now in the depository Bibles and Testaments to the value of \$237 81. In all respects, the society is nobly meeting its responsibilities.

OHIO. FULTON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY has, during the past year, canvassed and supplied its field with the Scriptures in a very thorough and satisfactory manner. Rev. E. W. Clark was employed by the society to prosecute this work, and he reports having completed it with the following results: He organized in the county ten branch Bible societies; collected \$482 45; sold Bibles to the value of \$95 88; donated Bibles and Testaments to those who were destitute of them, and at the same time unable to buy, to the value of \$29 58. The number of families found without the Scriptures and supplied by him was 132.

CLINTON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY reports having received \$462 36 into its treasury, having visited 2,936 families, found 410 of them destitute of the Bible, and supplied 358 of them by sale or donation. There are in the county of Clinton thirty-two churches which co-operate with the society.

DEFIANCE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY reports its receipts last year at \$443 81, and that its books now on hand in its depository amount in value to \$253 46. During the year it caused 1,106 families to be visited, and found seventy of them destitute of the Word of God, nearly all of which were supplied through its agency, either by donation or sale.

LOGAN COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY held its forty-second anniversary at Bellefontaine on the 29th of May. The society, during the past year, constituted five persons life members of the Parent Institution, and ordered a donation of \$160 to the same Society to aid in its general work.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY is in a very prosperous condition. Its receipts last year amounted to \$1,835, and its last anniversary was an occasion of very great interest. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Bucher, Berger, and Herr, the latter being the Agent of the Parent Society for Southwestern Ohio.

INDIANA. ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY donated, during the last year, 700 Testaments to the Ninety-Ninth Indiana Volunteers, and 100 Testaments to a

company in another regiment. The receipts of the society for the year amounted to \$408 10.

ILLINOIS. KANE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY received into its treasury last year \$1,272 48, and through its local agents visited 2,267 families, finding forty-six of them destitute, and supplying twenty-eight of them with the Scriptures. The society donated Bibles and Testaments to the Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, to the value of \$119 40, and it put into circulation, during the year, books to the value of \$645 70.

COLES COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY has done a good work, and is now in a very thriving condition. Its last report states: "This society has purchased of the American Bible Society \$1,539 50 worth of Bibles and Testaments since its organization in 1855, and put into circulation \$1,325 65 worth at New York cost prices. It has paid in the form of donations to the Parent Society \$360, and it will have over \$400 worth of Bibles and Testaments on hand paid for, including those which have recently been ordered." This is indeed a pleasing record.

Pennsylvania Bible Society.

This society celebrated its fifty-sixth anniversary in Philadelphia on the 4th of May. The occasion was one of great interest, and the report which was presented was one of marked ability and instructiveness. The society was founded in the year 1808, and was the first one of the kind ever established on the American continent. In the first annual report of its operations the managers say: "In consideration of the convulsed state of the European continent, they regard the institution of a Bible society in this place as an auspicious event. They do not think their hopes are too sanguine, when they persuade themselves that, at no distant period, the society will be found in the foremost rank among those institutions which piety or humanity has erected for the relief of the indigent on *this* continent."

The receipts of this noble society for the last year amounted to \$42,352 78, and its issues to 118,682.

The total circulation of the society from its organization amounts to 1,859,919 volumes..

"The society," says the report, "has, during the past year, prosecuted its work with more than ordinary success, its agents consisting chiefly in its depository in Philadelphia, where copies of the Scriptures are for sale in thirty languages; and in the two district secretaries, one supervising that portion of the State lying east of the Alleghany mountains, and the other that portion lying west of that line. Rev. I. H. Torrence still pursues his labours in the eastern section; and Rev. W. W. Eels, D.D., recently appointed, has entered, with every prospect of success, on his duties as secretary of the western district."

The Philadelphia City Bible Society, which is auxiliary to the Pennsylvania, put into circulation, last year, 14,284 copies of the New Testament and 2,621 copies of the Bible; making a grand total of 110,250 Bibles and 210,967 Testaments distributed by it since its organization. It has also, during the year, given to volunteers mustered in the city, and to the inmates of the United States hospitals in the vicinity of the city, 511 Bibles and 11,971 Testaments; and to United States vessels, seamen, boatmen, etc., 859 Bibles and 1,477 Testaments.

The Pennsylvania Bible Society has fifty-two depositories for Bibles, in the most central towns in the State, besides its principal one in Philadelphia. From all these, streams of divine light and salva-

tion are going forth continually into all parts of that great commonwealth, and proving an infinite benefit to all of its citizens. From the first year of its existence to the present time, it has more than realized the expectations of its pious founders, most of whom have doubtless passed away to their heavenly reward; and it is at this time prosecuting its work with a degree of earnestness and success, which augurs the most sublime and pleasing results in time to come.

For the Bible Society Record.

Carroll County Bible Society, Ill.

The annual meeting of the Carroll County Bible Society, Ill., was held in the Baptist Church in Mt. Carroll, on Sunday, May 8, 1864, at 10.30 A. M., and the annual sermon was preached by Rev. T. P. Campbell, from Psalms xix. 7. At seven o'clock, P. M., a union Bible meeting was held, and, after preliminary devotional services, was addressed by Rev. J. Hinton, who spoke eloquently of the Bible, its poetical language, its incontrovertible truths, and its extended influence over the minds and hearts of men, both in our own country and abroad. The large audience present was very evidently both pleased and instructed.

H. J. GRIFFITH, Cor. Sec.

Mount Carroll, Ill.

Sharon Bible Society, Conn.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the Congregational Church on the evening of the 8th of May, 1864; Rev. D. D. T. M'Laughlin, vice president, in the chair. After the reading of a portion of Scripture, prayer was offered by the Rev. Ira Ferris, of the Methodist Church. The following named gentlemen were elected as officers of the society for the ensuing year: Dr. Robert W. Smith, president; Rev. D. D. T. M'Laughlin and Rev. Ira Ferris, vice presidents; Richard Smith, Esq., recording secretary; Dea. Chas. Sears, corresponding secretary; Mr. Elisha Knight, treasurer. The following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty, since the last meeting of this society, to remove by death its late president, Dea. William M. Smith: Therefore,

Resolved, That we regard this dispensation of Divine Providence as a subject of profound grief to this whole community. As citizens, we mourn the loss of a courteous upright, and honourable man; as members of the Church of Christ, we have been deprived of one who illustrated the beauty of holiness by a humble, guileless, and consistent life; and as members of this society, we have to deplore the loss of an efficient and dignified presiding officer.

The Rev. Mr. Beebe, Agent of the American Bible Society, then addressed the meeting. His statements were of great practical importance, showing what ought to be done, and what can be done by systematic, Christian effort. Let each one conscientiously give according to his ability, and the causes of benevolence which now languish, or move with difficulty, would be inspired with new life, and the righteousness of the Lord would soon cover the whole earth.

RICHARD SMITH, Secretary.

Sharon, May 9, 1864.

Young Men's Bible Society of Frederick County, Md.

This society celebrated its forty-third anniversary on the third of January past; and an able address was delivered on the occasion, by the Rev. E. R.

Eschback. The society's receipts for the year amounted to \$579 85. The number of Bibles and Testaments sold and distributed gratuitously, amounted to 740 volumes; and there are remaining in the depository still, books to the value of \$317.

"In presenting their forty-third annual report," say the board of managers, they would "desire to offer their profound gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, for permitting them to continue uninterruptedly their business meetings, during a season of great excitement and intestine strife. The presence of hostile armies, and the consequent commotion prevailing in our heretofore peaceful community, prevented your board from securing the services of colporteurs to canvass the county. Each one, to whom application was made, declined for the causes just stated.

Much as your board regretted this, much as they deplored the deprivation of the Holy Scriptures to many, who might have been reached, yet the difficulties which surrounded us, entirely precluded the possibility of accomplishing any good by these means.

At the January meeting, a resolution was offered, looking to the supplying of every one in the various hospitals about our city, with a copy of the Bible or a pocket Testament. No restrictions were imposed upon those who desired to furnish the different wards of the hospitals with copies of the Holy Scriptures. In distributing God's holy Word, we neither asked nor cared whence came ye! Our pleasure was, that every one who desired a copy should be supplied, and we desired that each member would act as a colporteur. At a subsequent meeting, each member was advised to constitute himself a Bible reader, if likely to accomplish any spiritual good.

Some of the members of your board not only distributed many copies of the Scriptures to the sick and wounded soldiers, but in some instances, read portions of the sacred writings to them, and their report of their interviews with the sick gave evidence that their labour of love was not in vain.

Upon application from various Sunday schools in the county, which were too poor to purchase, your Board granted donations of Bibles and Testaments, and although we had no colporteurs engaged, yet in consequence of an unusually large number of strangers, temporarily sojourning, and the frequent calls from various parties, for God's holy Word, the number of Bibles and Testaments donated will be found considerable, as the statement of the agent of the depository will exhibit.

Resolutions of Ecclesiastical Bodies in Relation to the American Bible Society.

The following resolutions were adopted by the *General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church* which met in *Newark, N. J.*, in May last:

Resolved, 1. That we devoutly recognise the paramount importance of the universal diffusion of the Sacred Scriptures among men; and that, as the Assembly do not publish the Bible, but depend for our missionary work at home and abroad, and for the principal support of our people, on the American Bible Society, we feel the deepest interest in the work and success of that Institution.

Resolved, 2. That it is an occasion of lively gratitude to Almighty God, for his gracious favour to the Society during the past year, while our country is in the midst of great and sore troubles, that its issues have reached

the unprecedented number of 1,500,564 volumes, in forty-six different languages—so greatly does the Word of the Lord multiply and prevail.

Resolved, 3. That we rejoice in the abundant provision of the sacred Word that has been made for our army and navy, during the present calamitous war growing out of the rebellion of the Southern States; more than 2,000,000 of volumes having been furnished for this most important department of the Society's labours. In addition to the equipment of the vast armies of the nation's defenders with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of the Lord, this holy Book has been put into the hands of the sick and wounded in hospitals, camps, and on vessels of war and battlefields, and of more than 120,000 prisoners of war. This Assembly do cordially approve of the policy and work of the Society, in having already granted, with the free consent of our government, 250,000 volumes to the people of the seceded States who are in war against us. Surely the Word of God is not bound.

Resolved, 4. That as so many doors are opening for the entrance of this divine light in other lands, and as the field is the world, and the seed is the Word of God, the hopes and prayers of the Church must be associated with the foreign work of the Society. The Assembly are thankful to God for what has already been done, and will greatly rejoice if, in view of these numerous and wonderful openings, the Society shall be able to give early and considerable enlargement to this department of its labours.

Resolved, 5. That, in view of the foregoing considerations, this Assembly do renewly urge it upon the churches under its care to take annual and liberal collections for the Bible Society.

The following is from the minutes of the *General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, at its recent sessions in *Philadelphia*:

Dr. Curry presented the report of the committee on the Bible cause, giving a review of the operations of the American Bible Society, and closing with the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. By the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the relations of our Church with the American Bible Society have been most salutary in their operations and results, and we gladly recognise it as an efficient Society for the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures throughout the world.

Resolved, 2. That we congratulate our people in view of their steady and persistent liberality toward that Society, and we commend it to their continued confidence and beneficence.

The following resolutions were adopted by the *General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church* which met in *Dayton, Ohio*; they were given to our readers in the last number of the Record, but they will not be out of place in this connexion:

1. *Resolved*, That it affords us great pleasure to renew the expression of our confidence in the American Bible Society, as one of the great instrumentalities of God, by the dissemination of his Word, for the preservation of the civil and religious liberties of our land, and the moral and spiritual elevation of the whole human family.

2. *Resolved*, That we offer devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the prosperity of the Society during the past year, enabling it, to a very large extent, to meet the wants of the army and navy, in supplying our noble men with the Word of Life, thus furnishing them with an unfailing source of instruction and comfort amid the trials, sacrifices, and sufferings to which they are exposed.

3. *Resolved*, That in view of the increasing demand for the Holy Scriptures, in the foreign field and in the home work, we will encourage our people to increased liberality in support of the Cause, and will cordially co-operate with the various auxiliaries and the accredited Agents, in all proper measures to advance the interests of this great benevolent work.

The secretary of the Convention of the *Protestant Episcopal Church in Ohio* has communicated to us through our Agent, Rev. W. Herr, the following statements of the excellent bishops of that diocese:

Bishop Bedell, in his journal, under date of Norwalk, Nov. 22, says: "On the Saturday previous, it was my privilege to deliver an address, in behalf of the American Bible Society, before the county auxiliary—a society which enlists my heartfelt sympathies, by its catholic plans and charitable work. Let it not be displaced from your affections by new, and for the time more popular, causes."

Bishop M'Ilvaine, in his address, alluding to the increase of missionary contributions notwithstanding the war, says: "The same increase has appeared in the receipts of those two principal and excellent institutions, in which members of our Church are so largely represented—the American Bible Society and the American Tract Society. As the difficulties of the country increased, as the demand of the army for spiritual food increased, their means increased, as well to keep up their foreign work as to meet the demands at home. It is marvellous to see how their receipts the past year have exceeded those of the previous year, while every other demand was at the same time increasing its importunity. Never did our country more need their work."

Bibles in the Mississippi Squadron.

This Society, a few months since, upon the application of C. T. Chase, Esq., of Cairo, Ill., made a considerable grant of Bibles and Testaments for distribution in the United States squadron on the Mississippi. The following note from the Rev. Wm. H. Stewart, chaplain of the U. S. Navy, on board of the receiving ship *Clara Dalsom*, off Cairo, Ill., will show that these books have reached their destination, and that the Society's gift is properly appreciated:—

DEAR SIR:—The Bibles and Testaments which you obtained for me from the American Bible Society I have received, and carefully distributed among the crews of the various gunboats composing the Mississippi squadron; and I most heartily thank you for the interest which you have taken in the spiritual and temporal well-being of these servants of our country. Allow me, through you, to express my gratitude to the American Bible Society for the donation.

Bibles Distributed in the Confederate Army.

The following statements are from the pen of Mr. Wm. H. Thomas, agent of the Memphis and Shelby County Bible Society, Tenn., and are extracted from the report of that gentleman to Mr. Ethel H. Porter, the president of that society:—

The number distributed before I left Memphis to visit the army [he says] was over 15,000; 5,000 from the American Bible Society, and 10,000 from the Tennessee Bible Society. Then, to be near the army, I went to Mississippi. There I had in all over 30,000 copies of the precious Word of God, for distribution. But what were they among so many! How were we to obtain the Word of Life for thousands who were yet unsupplied?

When we heard that God had opened the old source of supply, and that we could get the books from the American Bible Society, and when that magnificent donation of twenty thousand volumes arrived, oh, who can tell the joy that filled my heart when I bore these precious gifts among those who were so eager to secure them! Every one seemed

to rejoice with me at the goodness of God in thus opening the way for this good work to go on.

I think I may, with safety, state, that there has been more accomplished during the last three years, in the circulation of the Scriptures, than during the twenty years before. The sacred Volume has been widely scattered among the masses. Not only has it been given to the soldiers, but also to their families; and incalculable good has, by this means, been accomplished. Oh that you and the other friends of the Bible cause could have seen, as I have done, the happy effects of this work!

"I will take and read this blessed book, which you have given me, and I shall always be thankful for it," is the language of most of those who have received it at my hands.

"Thank you, sir, thank God, also, I have now the precious Bible in my hands, to teach me the way of life," are words which have often fallen upon my ears. A young Catholic, in the hospital at Memphis, who had lost one arm in battle, received the Scriptures with peculiar gratitude, saying, "I am a Catholic; but this book tells me all about my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and I therefore love it." Said an officer in the army: "Let me have a Bible; I will give you any price for it."

When I have stood with my Bibles before regiments, and announced to them that I had come to distribute them among them, I have seen tears of gratitude and joy start from their eyes, as with eagerness they have stepped forward to receive the gift.

I have seen hundreds of soldiers so absorbed in reading the Scriptures as not to know that persons were near them and observing them. I have seen the card-table abandoned in a moment, when the Bible agent, with his books, was announced. I have known many cases of the most decided reformation, which could be traced up directly to the distribution of the sacred Volume.

Books might be filled with facts and incidents of this character; but eternity alone can tell the wonders of grace and mercy which have been brought about, under God, through the instrumentality of this Bible distribution.

Rev. Dwight Witherspoon, a faithful and earnest chaplain in the army, stated in my presence that he had been a witness of three distinct outpourings of the Holy Spirit in his regiment; and that he believed that this was attributable, under God, to the Bibles and tracts which had been distributed in the army.

Pleasing Intelligence from Texas.

The following gratifying intelligence has just been received from Brownsville, Texas, under date of June 15:

I am happy to inform you that the Bible Society of Brownsville has been reorganized and put into active operation. But three of the original members being present, the organization was composed mostly of persons who have recently become residents of Brownsville. The officers of the society are, F. Cummings, Esq., president; Miss M. Rankin, corresponding secretary; and Edward Downey, Esq., treasurer. Money has been collected for the furtherance of the object of the society, and will be remitted by the earliest opportunity. In the meantime, the society asks for copies of the Scriptures to the number of about 200 volumes. We would like

100 pocket Bibles of a small size for the soldiers, in English; also twenty-five Bibles in German, twenty-five Testaments in English, and fifty Bibles in Spanish.

MELINDA RANKIN, *Cor. Sec.*

We are most happy to welcome this old society, thus rejuvenated, once more into the list of our living and working auxiliaries; and our prayer is that God may greatly prosper the organization, and make it eminently useful in the important sphere in which He has appointed for it to work.

We also rejoice to know that Miss Rankin has resumed her good work of educating Mexican young ladies in Brownsville, a work which had been suspended by the war of the rebellion. She has been useful heretofore in distributing the Holy Scriptures, a work in which, we doubt not, she still rejoices, and to which we gladly welcome her again.—[Eds.]

For the Bible Society Record.
The Bible to the Insane.

I have just received an exceedingly interesting and instructive report of the labours of the Rev. Edward C. Jones, chaplain in the Blockley Insane Asylum at Philadelphia, during the past year; from which it is gratifying to learn that regular religious services are kept up among the inmates of that institution, and that much good has by that means been accomplished. Dr. Butler, the superintendent and head physician of the institution, speaks of Mr. Jones as "the esteemed chaplain of the institution," and of his "taking pleasure in recording his zeal, faithfulness, and great pastoral ability."

We have nearly 600 patients, [says the chaplain in his report.] Our chapel is commodious, and the Sabbath and weekly exercises are well attended. We have the full services, responses, anthems, and prayers, closing with a sermon twenty minutes long. Music is one of the great charms of the service. We have a nice little organ in the chapel, and a choir of gentlemen from a neighbouring church attend regularly, and assist us in this part of the service. Several of the clergymen of Philadelphia have aided the chaplains in preaching the Gospel in the institution; and many of the patients, after service, have manifested their interest by coming forward and thanking the one who has officiated, and gratefully shaking hands with him. The subjects selected are those which treat of the paternal character of God. The life of Christ as it stands connected with humanity, his beneficent miracles and words of cheer, the providential dealings of God in behalf of his children, as Joseph, David, or Daniel—where the suffering saint emerges from darkness, and poverty, and danger, to light, and affluence, and security—all such themes, tenderly dwelt upon, awaken hope and inspire confidence, leading the afflicted to anticipate the dawning of a brighter day, when even their great sorrows shall be dissipated, and joy come in the morning to counterbalance their night of grievous storms.

Who does not see that the way to inspire these people with confidence, is to approach them as we would any one else, and deal with them as we would with others. The chaplain kneels down and prays with them. He carries their woes and sorrows to

the mercyseat, and they feel that they have a pastor. He reads the Bible to them, and they feel that the God of the Bible is still their Friend and Benefactor, and that He has sent his servant to comfort them. They come into their chapel, and feel that it is exclusively their own church. They are taken by the hand, and their health is inquired after. A friend is brought to see them by the chaplain, and is formally introduced, as in private life. All this awakens their own self-respect, and this is the first step towards an abatement of their malady; for self-respect in its turn begets hope, and hope banishes despair.

In speaking of adhering to this system of Gospel influences upon the insane, Mr. Jones uses the following eloquent language:

We cannot go back, thank God, to another system. The sentiment of the world sustains the system, and moral sentiment so widely expressed cannot be put down by the private visionary theories of the hard-hearted or the indifferent. The cherubim who stretch their sheltering wings over our asylum shall never be made to fold them and take their final flight; for Christ has assigned them the position, and will keep them in it till He comes to reign. Then, and not till then, will all suffering cease. Then, and not before, will every shade of mental disorder pass away, and every intellect be as clear as the sun in its strength. Yes, among the greatest triumphs of our Emmanuel will be the conquest of sin and its concomitant suffering. Let us pray for the advent of the kingdom of Christ, and say, Even so, come, Lord Jesus; come, with thy beneficent train of blessings; come, raise the fallen and the outcast from the dust of humiliation. Come, purge thy Church from its stains of worldliness. Come with thy mantle of light, and love, and glory, and spread its curative folds over our earth, which groans for its second birth, and pants for its adoption and regeneration.

S. L. T.

The Bible Cause in Illinois.

The following statement of the Bible work in Illinois is from the Rev. A. Lord, the Agent of this Society for that State:

The following auxiliary Bible societies in Illinois held their annual meetings in March, 1864, a summary of whose reports for the past year is as follows:

NAMES OF SOCIETIES.	No. of Branches.	No. Families visit. destit.	Value of Books Circulated.	Receipts from Sales and Donats.
Alton and Vicinity ..	5	341 20	\$599 60	\$480 16
Clark County	11	555 27	170 96	304 58
Lawrence County ...	8	990 19	105 85	388 15
Logan County	10	666 28	142 11	385 55
Lee County	14	1,231 17	443 87	914 64
Morgan County	13	633 30	411 84	1,456 24
Monroe County	7	300 7	32 20	80 45
Randolph County ..	11	650 25	173 00	1,261 32
Whitesides County ..	18	1,785 26	500 00	1,037 42
Warren County	14	1,338 18	300 00	1,023 97
Total	111	8,489 217	\$2,885 43	\$7,332 48

We repeat what has been said before, that these tables do not show the whole number of families visited, nor the entire destitution, owing to the difficulty of getting full reports. That the destitution is sometimes very great may be seen from the fact, that of ten families visited in Clark County, six, or more than one half, were found without Bibles. Still the destitution in this State is much less than formerly, and much less than in many other places where a different plan of supply is pursued.

Two of the societies named above have made noble donations to the Parent Society during the past year—that of Morgan County being \$1,000, and that of Randolph County \$1,007 10. The societies of Lee, Logan, Whitesides, and Warren Counties have also made generous donations to the American Bible Society. The Randolph County Bible Society comes nearer being self-sustaining than, perhaps, any other in the State; and yet there are many places even there where nothing would be done but for the visits of the travelling agent.

Mexico.

We have received an interesting letter from Mexico, in which the writer says he had been on a visit to San Fernando, a town forty leagues from Metamoras. Here, the writer says, "the standard of the cross or of the reformation, is firmly planted." Here "a priest read from a Bible published by the American Bible Society, and preached to the people." Our correspondent "gave him the Bible from which he read in the church, which he showed the people, to leave in the church all the time, and another for his own study." He distributed here twenty-two Bibles and thirty-seven Testaments. Evidently many, both of the priests and the people, desire the Scriptures. The following incident is interesting and instructive, showing the power of divine truth:

Early one afternoon [says the writer] as I was going to a house to sell a Bible, where I had been in the morning, but the lady was too much engaged to buy, and desired I would call in the afternoon, I heard a loud clapping of hands in the far-off corner of the square (clapping the hands is the Mexican mode of calling in public; when the call is made, everybody turns round, and then the called person is signalized.) On turning round, I saw two or three ladies beckoning me to go to them. I beckoned I would in a few minutes, and so I went. After entering, one lady asked, had I *jewelry*? Another, when I said I had the Bible, asked if I had the Arabian Nights and a hundred other books. I said no; and pressed both as well as I could, using every argument in my power, to buy, but all in vain. One wanted nothing but jewelry, the other amusing books; would give some mere trifle, I forget how much, for one of the best Bibles I had. I felt grieved at their blindness and hardness. Notwithstanding the judgments of God were abroad in the land, one wanted her jewelry and the other her amusements. Well, I thought before I left I would read a portion of God's Word and leave it with them. So I asked permission of the jewelry lady to read a part of one of St. Peter's Epistles to her. She assented, and so I read the 3d and 4th verses of 3d chapter of 1 Peter. I made no remark; presumed no comment; said not a word, but closed the book; when the jewelry lady, *without speaking a word, handed me the price of a Testament*, and the other lady the price of *a Testament and a Bible also!* I never was before so forcibly struck with the power of God's Word. What was singular, the jewelry lady *never asked to buy any kind of book*; and the other merely wanted something to amuse her. It is entirely probable that up to that day neither of them ever read or heard the Word of God.

I also visited Gruillas, where, while in the court-

house I was selling a Bible to the judge, a priest to whom I offered a Testament to examine, said it was not perfect. I begged to assure him it was; and asked him to bring his Greek or Latin Testament and compare them. This he declined, and after some conversation sat profoundly silent. Next morning at the alcalde's house I met him again, and spoke seriously to him; remarked he was a young man, might live to be very useful, and that we ought all to search for the truth; that being born Protestants or Catholics is no reason why we should remain so; that to be consistent with such belief we should be Pagans, etc. I expressed my regret at my inability to speak the language well enough to debate with him, etc. "Oh," he says, "*you know it well enough to deceive the people.*" From this out he never ceased calling me "*liar, cheat, deceiver,*" "that is the greatest lie you ever told," etc. I was too intent on declaring and defending the truth to pay the slightest attention to his personalities, but took care to show the truth in its true light before the hearers. The alcalde seemed highly pleased, and we parted great friends. I had several debates with priests, and I must say he was the first that used gross personalities. However, I believe I planted the standard there too, and when I visit again I hope to preach to the whole town. I sold eight Bibles and seven Testaments, and donated one Testament. In the evening, as I was trying to set forth the Lord Jesus to a few poor people, a man came in; one of the women says to him, "Oh, come here; sit and listen to the gospel."

There was a great deal of satisfaction expressed in San Fernando at the self-evident fact that I was not trafficking on the Bibles. The very low prices, and the evident desire that the poor should possess a copy, gave great satisfaction. At Gruillas I induced a woman to buy a Testament, and to lend money to another person to buy a Bible, by remarking on the necessity of educating our children; and that if we neglect this we were no better than the lower animals. She seemed to feel it very keenly, and acted accordingly. I sold another to a poor widow, on condition of reading a portion daily, which she promised faithfully to do. Numberless instances might be given. A gentleman whom I met in the interior of the State last January, told me the people all round were inquiring of him when I would come again; and one man declared he would not sell his Testament for the price of his ranche. I purpose at the very earliest practicable moment to return with Bibles to the interior, but there are so many places to go to, and the expense is so great, that I feel in a measure deterred. But the work has to be done, however. The spirit of reform is abroad in the land, and the need of faithful missionaries no tongue can tell. I try to act as one, but what can I do, having my own especial work to attend to? I have just read a letter from Mr. Scott, from Aguajuco, giving an interesting account of the mission school I planted there; of opposition and triumph, and bright prospects and of great usefulness; "faint, yet pursuing."

Nicaragua.

We have recently received a letter from Chinandega, Nicaragua, in regard to openings for Bible work in that State, from which we make some extracts. We hope before long to have an Agent in that country:—[Eds.]

I found two instances in which Americans had distributed a small number of Bibles and Testaments without a word of opposition. I found there three or four Bible readers, and one boy who had one of your Bibles in school as a reading book. In this city, which is at the other extremity of the State, I have found cases of Bible reading. After my return here, I circulated the Bibles and Testaments that I brought with me. I had half a trunkful, and in less than two days they were gone. I never have found a place where they seemed so eager to get them. The Bibles were the publication of the London society, and cost me one dollar in Panama, yet the people were glad to pay a slight advance on that; so with the Testaments. Your Bibles and Testaments would go even more readily.

One of the priests examined a Bible I had sold, and told the person that it was good and very cheap, but it lacked a little of being the complete Bible. He said the New Testament was all right, but there were some of the prophets lacking in the Old. An American gave a Testament to a girl, a while ago, at one of the interior towns, and the priest upon examining it said she had better not read it; and upon her telling a friend what the priest said, he told her to read it if she desired, and she did so, in spite of what the priest said. In view of these facts I am prepared to say, that this State is open for the Bible and Bible influences.

From Rev. Dr. Goodell.

The following extracts from a letter dated Constantinople, March 31, will be read with interest, especially by those who know the excellent and venerable writer. The tour of Mr. Bliss alluded to is now finished, and our readers have already had some of its fruits in communications inserted in our columns. Our work in the East was never more promising than now.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN BROTHER:—We were all of us much interested in the account of what you had been doing for the contrabands and for the soldiers, both in the Union and in the rebel armies. Something was done here for the contrabands and for the Christian Sanitary Commission, several months ago, as your Agent, the Rev. Mr. Bliss, has doubtless informed you.

Mr. Bliss is now absent from the capital, having gone with the Rev. Dr. Wood on a visit to Egypt, Jerusalem, Beirût, and the Central Mission; and his report of the Bible work will doubtless be fresh, full, and interesting; for this department of our labours is always prosperous, and from year to year becomes increasingly so. More copies of the Scriptures were bought by Mussulmans and others during the last year than during the previous year. What is bought is more highly prized, and more likely to be read with care, and we have greater encouragement to pray that the reading may be attended with a divine influence. This readiness to purchase the holy Scriptures is a much surer index of a desire to possess and understand them than simply a willingness to accept a copy when offered without price. However much we may at times be fettered and hindered in our other labours, we may always say with thankfulness in reference to this, "But the Word of God is not bound." Let all then, at the Bible House, associated with you in this blessed work, be encouraged to

lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless Jehovah. And may Jehovah, the Maker of heaven and earth, bless you out of Zion, abundantly and forever!

"Peace be to thee, my brother, and peace be to thy helpers, for thy God helpeth thee." Christian salutations to all.

Your very affectionate brother in Christ,
W. GOODELL.

The Bible in Oorfa.

We insert with great pleasure the following letter of acknowledgment from the Mission to Central Turkey, in which there is such gratifying evidence of the good effect of the distribution of the Scriptures in this ancient town, built on or near the residence of the Father of the Faithful, Ur of the Chaldees:—[EDS.]

OORFA, MESOPOTAMIA, April 30, 1864.

DEAR BROTHER:—We have again occasion to acknowledge the great and continually increasing aid we are continually receiving in our missionary work from the Bible Society. We are evangelists. We are labouring, as Paul did before us, to pull down strongholds, and every high thing which exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and to build up, on the foundation of apostles and prophets, a holy temple of living stones for the habitation of God. You have furnished us the hammer and the fire with which to break in pieces and shape into living stones the flinty rock, and that sword of the Spirit on which we rely, in our battle with the "god of this world" and his blinded servants, high and low. Unlike the preachers of Antichrist, the Armenians, Greeks, Catholics, and Syrians, *our* constant aim is to lead our hearers to search the Scriptures daily, to see whether the way of justification by faith alone, which we preach, is so or not. And we have little hope that "many of them" will believe, unless we can induce them to do as the Bereans did after hearing Paul's preaching.

You have done a great work towards filling this land with "the knowledge of the glory of God," by your co-operation with others in translating and publishing the Bible in the languages of "the people of the East." Our labour has been, and still is, chiefly among those who speak the Turkish language, but read and write it in the Armenian character; and the whole Bible in Armeno-Turkish with references, which within the past year we have been enabled, by your aid, to offer to those who have long been waiting for it, as well as others who are just being awakened to feel their need of it—at a price only two fifths the actual cost of publishing—is a blessing to this people, and an encouragement to us in our further labours for them, which we can find no words to express.

Would that you could see with your own eyes the change which has been, by the grace of God accompanying his Word, effected among this people in respect to a proper appreciation of the Bible and ability to read it. In Oorfa there are 264 souls, male and female, in the Protestant congregation, above five years of age, of whom 201 are able to read the Bible; and of the sixty-three who cannot, a large part are unable from blindness, total or partial. In Aduyaman, an outstation of Oorfa, out of forty-two Protestant families, there are only four families in which no member is able to read; and out of 169 souls, of all ages from one to seventy-five, ninety-eight can read the Bible intelligently. And in the

lastnamed place, public sentiment sustained the Church in suspending, in November last, three of their members from fellowship, simply for neglecting, without any excuse of physical disability, to learn to read. The discipline proved salutary and effectual in respect to the three brethren, who have since learned to read, and also has had a powerful effect out of the church, and even out of the community. Though we do not, except in cases of extreme poverty, give away the Bible, the people well understand that they are able to purchase the whole Bible with references for one dollar and sixty cents, or ten days' wages of a common labourer, instead of twenty-five, solely by the benevolence of the Bible Society. If we could only offer them the Bible at the cost of publication, its circulation would be very greatly limited; few would be induced to attempt to learn to read; and in consequence, our labours and usefulness as missionaries would be much retarded. We pray God to continue to bless the American and all other Bible societies, and so teach our congregations to pray.

In behalf of the Mission to Central Turkey,
GEORGE B. NUTTING.

Italy.

The Rev. E. E. Hall, missionary of A. and F. Christian Union at Florence, has received funds from our Society for the employment of Bible colporteurs in that region. He makes the following gratifying statements in a letter recently received from him:—[Eds.

You will be interested to know that one of our colporteurs has sold nearly 100 copies of the Scriptures during the last three months, in a city which has been often visited for the last three years. This unexpected success has followed the opening of a place of worship. It was perhaps a natural result; for, as the people began to understand their spiritual wants, there was an increasing demand for the Bread of Life.

It is becoming more evident every day that the government intends to secure substantial religious liberty throughout the kingdom. Recent popular demonstrations against evangelical efforts and Bible distribution have been promptly suppressed, and those who excited the tumults brought to justice. A Turin paper last week, alluding to acts of violence against Protestants, said: "Wherever these facts occur, there is always found behind the curtain the hand of a provoking priest. But the government will energetically protect the liberty of worship threatened by these odious religious demonstrations." This was said by a journal which had no interest in any evangelical movement as such. It is thus that God prepares for truth a fair field in its conflict with error, in this land so long the victim of papal tyranny.

Liberty for the Bible.

Bishop Bedell heard a monk preach from the text, "What is truth?" After a good deal of elaborate discussion, darkening counsel by words without knowledge, he drew somewhat cautiously from his pocket a copy of the New Testament and said, "This only shall I say, I have found truth at last, between the leaves of this book; but," said he, replacing it in his cassock pocket, "it is prohibited."

What a revolution has taken place since that

day! What thrones have been overturned! What enemies of the Bible have lived and died! What bonds, and chains, and fetters of priests and popes, with armies of kings, have tried to bind fast in slavery the Word of God! He who sat upon the throne laughed at their folly, and scattered it among the nations as leaves of the tree of life. One blast from his throne gives it liberty. The prohibition is at an end. Having this Word of Life and Truth, may it make us free men in Christ Jesus!

For the Bible Society Record.

The Mutilated Bible.

BY MRS. J. H. HANAFORD.

Usually the Christian's heart is saddened by the sight of a torn or soiled Bible; but the editor of the "Memoir of Stephen Grellet," a French Quaker preacher, has in his possession a mutilated Bible which, while possessing historical interest, is also a joyful sight, because of the cause of its mutilation, which is explained by the following memorandum on the fly-leaf: "One of the Bibles out of which selected passages were cut, and first pasted on blank paper by Stephen Grellet and William Allen, when in St Petersburg in the winter of 1818-'19, wherefrom lessons were printed for the use of Russian schools, and since adopted by the British and Foreign School Society in London."

Torn, but not worn, its severed pages tell
Of purposed mutilation;
Why not regret that thus appeareth now
This Volume of salvation!

Why, but that thus the way was plainer made
For souls too oft benighted,
To walk in gladness toward the heavenly rest,
By God's bright beacon lighted.

Grellet and Allen long shall honoured be;
For oh, with holy gladness
They cut this Volume as the gardener cuts
His slips, with hope, not sadness.

That seed, divided thus, might far extend;
The plant of truth and beauty,
That grows on earth to gladden human hearts
Which heed the call of duty.

Oh, precious then this else sad sight to me,
This Bible mutilated!

Nor in God's promise that its truths shall triumph,
Shall my faith be abated.

Beverly, Mass.

Children's Department.

The Children of the Bible.

Unless you would read the Bible through, you would not believe how much of it is for children. It is not a book of sermons, as so many of you think, but a book of stories.

Christ wants children to read the Bible, so He made it such a book as He knew children would love to read; mostly histories and stories, and a great many of them about children. It tells of the two first children that ever were in the world; how the one quarrelled with his brother and killed him, and became a lonely, cursed vagabond. Then you read of Canaan, who was disrespectful to his grandfather; of little Ishmael, who, when his mother got lost in the desert, and laid him down under a bush to die, cried to God, and God showed her a spring of water that saved their lives; of Joseph, whose brothers hated him and sold him for a slave, but who afterwards became a great prince; of little Moses whom his mother had to put in a little ship made of bulrushes, and sent it floating away on the river—who was found by the king's daughter, but when he grew up would rather serve God than be a king; of little Samuel, whom his mother lent unto the Lord as long as he lived, and whom God made a prophet

and a judge. You would find in the Bible the history of young David, who was feeding his father's sheep when God sent to anoint him king over Israel, helped him to kill the giant Goliath with a sling and a stone, and taught him to write your own beautiful cradle hymn, "The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;" and of his son Solomon, whom Christ loved when he was little, and told his father to call him Jedediah, namely, Beloved of the Lord; the same who became the wisest man on earth, who wrote the Book of Proverbs, and when he was a very old man preached that sermon to children, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

You would read, too, of pious little Obadiah, who feared the Lord in his youth, who hid two synods of God's ministers in two caves when Jezebel wanted to kill them, and gave them bread when it was worth more than gold, and water, when the king and himself had to search all over the country to find a little; and of little Timothy, who knew the Scriptures from a child, and became wise unto salvation, and whom Christ sent to be a missionary and to save many souls.

Then you have the history of the boy king, Josiah, who had the crown put on his head, and the Bible put into his hand, when he was only seven years old; and of the young prophet Daniel, who was wiser than all the wise men of Babylon; and of the three children who chose to be thrown into the fiery furnace rather than worship the golden image, and how Christ came down and walked with them up and down through it, and would not suffer the fire to burn them.

But I cannot even name all the children of the Bible. The child Jesus himself is one of the most beautiful pictures in it. You see him a baby lying in a manger, a little boy going up to church with his parents, and so fond of instruction that he did not miss his mother for three days after she was gone, while he was hearing the ministers in the temple and asking them questions.

"This Book."

(John xx. 30, 31.)

Nor gold, nor gems, nor richest mine,
Can once compare with God's own Word,
On every page the hand divine
Is clearly traced, of Christ the Lord.

And though not all He said or did
Is fully written in this Book,
Yet 'tis enough; and we are bid
Believe, accept, to Jesus look.

Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God!"
For love He lived, He died for love;
In sorrows deep the earth He trod,
His gracious love for man to prove.

And all this love He doth reveal
In this blest Word, and says, Believe—
And love it is makes the appeal,
Believe on me and life receive.

Beloved youth, will you receive
And love God's Word, and seek his face?
Oh haste thee then, accept, believe,
Secure the blessings of his grace.

[S. S. Visitor.]

A Good Stimulant.

A little incident for loyal boys: I was standing in the City of Brotherly Love, near Broad and Prime, as a regiment was passing on to the field of battle. A man came out with a pitcher of ale and glasses, and passing it round came to a soldier. "May be

you'll have something *stronger*, since you're such a big fellow. How tall you are! A big glass of beer, hey?" "No sir; *none*!" "What's the matter?" "Nothing, sir." "Well, you *need* it; it's a *stimulant*!" He placed his hand in his pocket, and bringing out a *Bible*, said "*That's my stimulant, sir!*"

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Auglaize Co. B. S., Ohio.....	55 00			Madison Co. B. S., Ill. (9 L. M.).....	231 40	440 00	
Bay Co. B. S., Mich.....	77 62			Madison Co. B. S., Ohio.....	318 75	10 00	
Belmont Co. B. S., Ohio (L. M.).....	205 00	30 00		Mahoning Co. B. S., Ohio (L. M.).....		80 00	
Beloit B. S., Wis.....	128 13			Marion Co. B. S., Ohio.....	19 10		
Big Spring B. S., Ky.....	20 00			Maryland B. S.....	1,500 00		
Brooke Co. B. S., W. Va.....	187 75			Massac Co. B. S., Ill.....	12 35		
Broome Co. B. S., N. Y.....	28 00			Massachusetts B. S. (L. M.).....	2,095 00	30 00	
Brown Co. B. S., Ks.....	43 55			Mattoon B. S., Ill.....	8 70		
Brown Co. B. S., Ohio.....	75 00			M'Donough Co. B. S., Ill.....	61 45		
Brown Co. B. S., Wis.....	36 85			M'Henry Co. B. S., Ill.....	27 77		
Buffalo City B. S., N. Y.....	64 75			Mead Co. B. S., Ky.....	47 85		
Burlington and Vic. B. S., Ky.....	25 50			Mercer Co. B. S., Ill.....	227 83	73 00	
California B. S.....	575 00			Minnesota B. S.....	213 97		
Carroll Co. B. S., Ky.....	45 10			Monmouth Co. B. S., N. J. (L. M.).....		30 00	
Cayuga Co. B. S., N. Y. (L. M.).....	116 49	48 00		Monroe Co. B. S., N. Y.....	111 39		
Champaigne Co. B. S., Ill.....	49 00	8 00		Montcalm Co. B. S., Iowa.....	378 70		
Chataqua Co. B. S., N. Y. (2 L. M.).....	33 32	60 00		Montgomery Co. B. S., Ohio.....		5 00	
Chemung Co. B. S., N. Y. (L. M.).....		32 65		Morrow Co. B. S., Ohio.....	70 00		
Carried forward.....	\$2,067 39	228 65	19,118 39	Neenah B. S., Wis.....	26 69		
				Newburgh B. S., N. Y.....	17 38	11 09	
				New Hampshire B. S. (3 L. M.).....	731 96	323 78	
				New Haven Co. B. S., Conn.....	305 24		
				Newport B. S., R. I.....	40 00		
				Newport and Vic. B. S., Ky.....	34 76		
				New York Female B. S., N. Y.....		10 00	
				Carried forward.....	\$15,979 21	2,977 39	19,118 39

